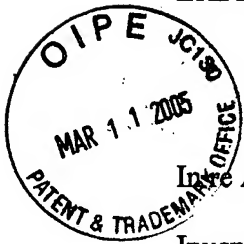


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Title: System and Method to Effect the Mitral
Valve Annulus of a Heart**PATENT APPLICATION**

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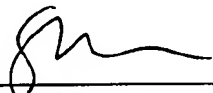
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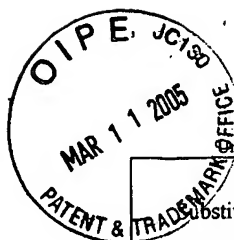
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